

## VILLA ATTACKS MEXICAN TOWN, BORDER HEARS

Bandit Makes Raid on Santa  
Barbara, Juarez Authori-  
ties Say in Report.

### AMERICANS ARE VICTIMS

Mining Men From Interior  
Declare Robbers Murder-  
ed Five U. S. Citizens.

### PERSHING WILL TAKE TRAIL

Funston Hears Leader Across Line  
Has Positive Information as to  
Whereabouts of Wily Pancho.

H. H. STANSBURY.  
(International News Service.)  
El Paso, Tex., May 5.—Pancho Villa, the pet bandit, the pursuit of whom the Washington government is willing to abandon, assumed his rightful place in the Mexican news today.  
The Mexican authorities in Juarez— if for no other purpose than to enliven a situation made dull by the delay of First Chief Carranza in approving the Scott-Obregon agreement— reported that Villa raided the town of Santa Barbara last Monday.  
Whether or not it was intended to chase the United States army officials who are bound by an agreement to quit the chase, the Mexicans added that several of Villa's band were mounted on American cavalry horses taken in the Columbus raid.

To Surround Bandit.  
Gen. Funston gave out an official report from Gen. Pershing which surrounded the information from Mexican sources with an atmosphere of authenticity. Pershing announced that he had received definite information of Villa's whereabouts and would make an effort to surround him. The location was not given.  
No orders have been sent to Gen. Pershing which would prevent a renewed effort to apprehend the bandit. This is taken to indicate that Gen. Funston is not certain the de facto government will endorse the tentative agreement reached by Gen. Hugh L. Scott and Mexican Minister of War Obregon.

A report from Torreon, which was com-  
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## The Only All-Star Comic Section

The one comic section in which all four of the features rival one another for first-page importance, and get the position which their individual merit warrants from time to time—Hairbreadth Harry, the Van Loons, Pa's Family and Terry and Tacks—illustrated in four colors.

## The World Has Lost Its Capital

—and a great nation has regained its own.

You will want to read every word of "Paris, the World, now Paris, France." Wonderfully well illustrated in four colors in the magazine section of the Sunday HERALD.

"Patriotism by Incandescence" is another article that will appeal particularly to the American business man who "believes in signs."

Then there's the real tragedy of an American countess (Irma Kilgallen's pursuit and love of happiness), with over a half page of photographs and illustrations.

The seventh installment of "The Social Pirates," a story with its own individual climax and conclusion, entitled "The Rogue's Nemesis," completes one of the best issues of Washington's best and only four-color (full newspaper size) magazine section.

Just a few of the good things to be found in Sunday's One-cent Herald, which includes

—A Dramatic Section  
—A Sporting Section  
—A Society Section  
—Fraternal and Club News  
—And All the News of All the World.

## FOR ONE CENT

## Great Britain Makes Concessions in Four Vital Blockade Cases

By International News Service.  
London, May 5.—Great Britain today announced a relaxation of her rigorous blockade in four important cases.

This action, taken on the very day that the German government calls upon the United States to bring pressure to bear on England for the observation of international law is significant.

Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, made this announcement.

The concessions that Great Britain has made follow:

First—Business documents from shippers to and from neutral countries will be placed in a separate mailbag, which will receive immediate examination and will proceed on the ship on which it was originally mailed. No guarantee will be given that this bag will not be opened, but shippers will be assured that there will be no delay.

Second—A prize court order restores to its owners the Dutch steamer Alwina. Condemnation had been asked on the ground that the ship when seized at Falmouth had been or was attempting to supply coal to German cruisers in the Pacific.

Third—Appeal granted to the owners of the Swedish steamer Zamora. The steamer with its cargo of copper was seized last June and later requisitioned by the British government.

Fourth—Immediate release of thirty-eight Germans and Austrians, taken from the American steamship China was ordered. Great Britain admits itself in the wrong in regard to the facts outlined in the American remonstrance.

## I. C. C. WITNESS TO FACE COURT

Chief Counsel Folk Will Ask  
Tribunal to Force Milton H.  
Smith to Answer Queries.

### RAILROAD PRESIDENT DEFIANT AT HEARING

Louisville & Nashville Head Refuses  
to Give Facts Concerning Cam-  
paign Contributions.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will institute proceedings in the District Supreme Court to compel President Milton H. Smith, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, to answer questions propounded to him by Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel of the commission.

On Thursday Smith, upon advice of counsel, refused to answer scores of questions, and yesterday he followed the same course. The questions relate to campaign contributions and financial transactions of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and also to the extent and manner in which the Louisville and Nashville dominates transportation matters in its territory.

At the conclusion of yesterday's proceedings Chief Counsel Folk announced that President Smith would be taken into court.

President Smith has replied to many questions asked by Counsel Folk, in many instances the replies being typewritten and quite lengthy and going into the affairs of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad thirty and forty years ago.

### Calls Legislatures Menace.

"Legislative bodies are a menace, and their activities are a calamity," said Mr. Smith yesterday in the course of an exchange of views with Counsel Folk on the subject of governmental regulation of railroads.

Counsel Folk resented this declaration. "President Smith," he said, "the anarchist believes that legislative bodies are a menace and their activities a calamity." How do you draw the line between your declaration and belief and that of the anarchist?

"I am not drawing any lines," said President Smith, "and I don't know what the anarchist believes."

He added that "majority rule creates the power to confiscate property," and in answer to a question by Counsel Folk said that he did not see how we were going to get around majority rule.

"We cannot hope to have an autocratic government," President Smith continued, "but we must have plutocrats."

## ALLEGED MAIL ROBBERS INDICTED IN NEW YORK

Three Men Are Charged With Steal-  
ing \$506,000 of Stocks and  
Bonds Sent From Capital.

(By The Sun News Service.)

New York, May 5.—On February 26 last registered mail containing \$506,000 worth of bonds and stocks and \$8,000 worth of jewelry, en route from Baltimore and Washington, D. C., was stolen from one of the Postal Transfer Service's burglar-proof mail wagons on a Jersey Central ferry boat bound from Jersey City to Manhattan.

In a trifle over two months postoffice inspectors not only rounded up all the alleged participants in the robbery, but recovered all of the lost stocks, bonds and jewelry.

Today things were in such definite shape that United States Attorney Constant was able to secure indictments against the three men who are said to share equally the responsibility of the crime. They are Thomas Benson, a bricklayer; Louis Windler, his brother-in-law, both of whom are now in the Tombs; and Edward J. Quigley, who was arrested in Baltimore recently with \$400,000 worth of securities in his bag. He has made a full confession, it is said.

Evening Excursions—Steamers for charter: Majestic, 750 capacity, Friday; Gratitude, 300 capacity, daily. For rates, etc., apply Potomac & Chesapeake Steamboat Co., 5th st. wharf, Adv.

## PENSION PLAN IS INDORSED

House District Committee Fav-  
ors Rewarding Capital  
Policemen and Firemen.

### BILLS ORDERED REFRAMED ON A MORE LIBERAL BASIS

Majority Thought to Favor Also Page  
Loan-Shark Bill—Early Consider-  
ation Planned.

Virtual indorsement of the principle of adequate pensions for firemen and policemen was accorded by a majority of the House District Committee at a special meeting last night. The Cary bill for firemen's pensions and a bill providing for police pensions were both referred to a special committee of three members with instructions to reframe the measures and report them back to the full committee at the meeting a week from next Tuesday.

The reframing under the instructions of the full committee will call for changes broadening the scope of the measures by reducing the minimum of service after which pensions may be granted for disability.

Consideration of the Page loan shark bill, amendatory of the present act, was not concluded, and will be taken up at the next regular meeting. The bill, however, was amended to permit the charging of a rate of three per cent a month on loans of not more than \$50 and a rate of two per cent on loans greater than that amount.

The present law, which has driven pawnbrokers from the District to the south side of the Highway Bridge, where the old extortionate rates are being charged, permits of only a one per cent rate, too low to make the business profitable. Indications were last night that of the twelve members present, a majority favored the amendments suggested.

Representative Johnson, chairman of the District Committee, and Representatives Burke and Cary, of Wisconsin, were appointed to reframe the police and firemen's pension bills.

Chairman Johnson did not commit himself on the merits of the proposed legislation, but gave the committee the benefit of his long experience with various bills looking to such legislation, and it was generally understood that the chairman approved the two bills in principle and was willing to report out legislation along such lines as met his approval.

## PERKINS WILLING TO BE MARTYR FOR ROOSEVELT

Financier Would Quit Politics, He  
Says, If It Would Help to Re-  
unite Two Parties.

(By The Sun News Service.)

New York, May 5.—George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee of the Progressive party, has written a letter to S. A. Perkins, a member of the executive committee of the Republican national committee, but not a relative of George W., in which he says that the Republican national convention can go right ahead and nominate Col. Roosevelt for the Presidency without having any fears that the Progressive party will want everything in sight, just as soon as the colonel gets into the White House.

George W. says to S. A. that the Republicans need have no fear of seeing "George W. Perkins, Secretary of the Treasury," in the list of President Roosevelt's Cabinet appointments. Furthermore, the chairman of the executive committee of the Progressive party says that if his complete elimination from politics would be helpful in bringing the Republicans and the Progressives together once more he wouldn't hesitate a minute in getting out.

Cummins Winner in Nebraska.  
Lincoln, Neb., May 5.—The complete official vote at the Nebraska primaries gave Cummins nearly 5,500 majority for President. The vote: Cummins, 20,290; Ford, 26,884; Hughes, 15,490; Estabrook, 8,132; Ross, 5,506; Roosevelt, 1,764.

## HOGAN TICKET BELIEVED TO BE IN LEAD

Charges of Ballot-Box Stuff-  
ing Prevent Counting of  
Votes—Riots Averted.

### JUDGE IS ASSAULTED

Crowd Hoots at Members of  
Elections Board—Police  
Rescue Ballot Box.

### VOTERS TAKEN TO LOCK-UP

Hogan Declares Election Gigantic  
Fraud—Two Thousand Votes in  
Box Before Poll Opens.

Though the votes cast in yesterday's primary for delegates to the Republican national convention will not be counted until early next week, the few ballot boxes opened and counted last evening indicated Frank J. Hogan and Dr. Edward Williston to be the leaders.

The decision to defer the counting of the ballots came after two hours of conference between the members of the returning board and representatives of the three tickets. Several of the boxes were opened and looked into by the conferees, but no attempt to tally the ballots was made.

After the last box had been deposited with Charles Gertman and Frederic Douglas, two members of the board, the room was ordered cleared. As Chairman Charles Linkins, of the election board, stepped from Mr. Gertman's office, in the Century Building, 412 Fifth street northwest, several alleged adherents of Mr. Hogan attacked him. Three policemen beat them back, and Mr. Linkins was escorted to a room, where he remained until after the crowded corridors were cleared, two hours later. The crowd also spoke ill-feeling toward Jesse Foster, a member of the elections board, but the policemen protected him.

### Charges Ballot Stuffing.

Following the short session of the returning board, its members, who previously had ruled that the candidates could not be present when the vote was counted, sent for them, and they were allowed to sit through the conference.

When the board adjourned, Mr. Hogan made a speech to his adherents who thronged the corridor, stating that yesterday's election was one of the greatest frauds ever committed in the District, but that he had agreed to meet with the returning board when the canvass is made in order to check up their returns with the figures he has received from his personal representatives at the polls yesterday.

Charges of ballot-box stuffing were made by Mr. Hogan, who asserted that in one precinct there were at least 2,000 votes in the box for one of the opposing tickets before 12 o'clock, when the polls were opened.

Mr. Hogan claimed that he should have won by approximately 20 to 1 over the Miller-Chase ticket and by 20 to 1 over the Bradshaw-Marshall ticket.

The Fort Stevens district box showed Hogan-Williston to have carried that section by an overwhelming vote, it standing 225 for them, 2 for Bradshaw-Marshall and none for Miller-Chase, Hogan said.

### Riot Narrowly Averted.

A riot was narrowly averted between the progressive and old guard elements in Hillsdale, near Anacostia, last night, when a dispute arose between Attorney Ricks, representing the Miller-Chase faction, and Whitefield McKinley, one of the Hogan ticket judges of election. According to the police, who interfered in time to preserve order and save the ballot box, a crowd had gathered in front of Douglas Hall, Nichols avenue and Howard road, when the polls closed, and as McKinley left the building bearing the sealed box, he was accosted by Ricks, who demanded the result of the vote. The police say McKinley wouldn't tell him and an exchange of words followed.

Sergeant Ready, who was standing near, grabbed the sealed box and carried it off, while the rest of the force restored order among the voters, who had gathered and were taking sides. Things were quieted and McKinley and Ricks and the ballot box were taken to the Eleventh precinct together. Later the box was taken to the McGill Building in G street.

### Michigan for Roosevelt.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 5.—Michigan's thirty Progressive delegates will go to Chicago June 7, determined to nominate Theodore Roosevelt on the Bull Moose ticket if the Republicans choose anyone else, according to A. Ewing, of this city, leader of the State Progressive party.

### 451-Pound Woman Dies.

La Crosse, Wis., May 5.—Miss Irma Dale, aged 26, believed to be the largest woman in Wisconsin, was found dead in her bed at the home of her father, Harry Dale, Council Bay. Death was caused, physicians said, from heart disease. She weighed 451 pounds.

Quickest Service to Baltimore.  
Baltimore and Ohio "Every Hour on the Hour," \$1.50 Saturdays and Sundays. Other days \$1.75 round trip.—Adv.

## Germany Defends Her Warfare On Neutrals at Sea

### MADE PLEAS FOR PEACE

"The German government, conscious of Germany's strength, twice within the last few months, announced before the world its readiness to make peace on a basis safeguarding Germany's vital interests, thus indicating that it is not Germany's fault if peace is still withheld from the nations of Europe."  
(From German note.)

Germany's reply to the note of the United States defends Germany's submarine warfare.

Germany does not regard the reply as final. In the response the opportunity is asked to make further representations to the United States, particularly in regard to the Sussex.

The note declares that the German government has restricted her submarine activities to her own disadvantage and to the advantage of the allies, adding: "No such consideration has ever been shown neutrals by Great Britain and her allies."

The contention of the Imperial German government is that the submarine warfare of this nation has always been conducted with regard to the rules of war.

### Text of the Note.

The following is the text of the German reply:

"The undersigned on behalf of the Imperial government has the honor to present to His Excellency, the Ambassador of the United States James W. Gerard, the following reply to the note of April 20, regarding the conduct of German submarine warfare."

"The German government handed over to the proper naval authorities for further investigation evidence concerning the Sussex as communicated by the government of the United States."

"Judging by the results that investigation hitherto yielded, the German government is alive to the possibility that the ship mentioned in the note of April 10 as being torpedoed by a German submarine is actually identical with the Sussex."

"The German government begs to reserve further communications on the matter until certain points are ascertained which are of decisive importance for establishing the complete facts in the case."

"Should it turn out that the commander (of the submarine) was wrong in assuming the vessel (the Sussex) to be a man-of-war the German government will not fail to draw the consequence resulting therefrom."

### Would Make Amends.

(By the foregoing sentence the German government guarantees to make amends if it would deem proper under the circumstances.)

"In connection with the case of the Sussex, the United States made a series of demands."

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## Germans Driven Back by French

Bombardment and Infantry  
Attacks Fail to Shake  
Verdun's Defenders.

(By The Sun News Service.)

Paris, May 5.—The German attempt to occupy Hill 204, the important height between the Bois d'Avocourt, on the west, and Le Mort Homme, on the east, was renewed early last evening. The bombardment which preceded the attack was of extreme violence, and the infantry assault was made in force.

A footing at some points in the French advanced trenches was secured by the attackers, who, however, were repulsed after the greater part of the front of the assault.

Today the bombardment on the west bank of the Meuse continued with increasing violence in the sectors of Hill 204, the Bois d'Avocourt, and the Bois des Caurettes. There was continuous bombardment on the east bank of the river but here the fire showed less violence.

It is stated here today that the recent French attacks against the German positions in the sector of Le Mort Homme has cleared the Germans from Hill 205, which they had occupied.

### Mine Agreement Signed.

Philadelphia, May 5.—At a meeting in the offices of W. J. Richards, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, today, the representatives of the miners and operators signed the agreement reached in New York a week ago.

### Threatened Strike Averted.

New York, May 5.—The threatened strike of 5,000 telegraphers and signalmen of the New York Central Railroad today was averted for the time being by the acceptance of an offer of Federal mediation.

### China Captives to Go Free.

London, May 5.—The British government today gave orders for the release of thirty-eight men taken from the American steamship China by a British cruiser while en route from Shanghai to San Francisco.

## DANGER OF BREAK NOW LESS ACUTE, CAPITAL BELIEVES

Although President Reserves Decision,  
Indications Are for Reopening  
Diplomatic Parley.

### SHARP WORDS DISCOUNTED

New Orders to Kaiser's Submarine Com-  
manders Expected at Least to Remove  
Menace to American Lives.

Though President Wilson is reserving decision until he receives the official text, there were many indications last night that the German reply to the American note would avert the danger of an immediate diplomatic break.

The German note, though unsatisfactory in more ways than one, apparently meets the President's basic demand that Germany "immediately declare and effect an abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare."

### NEW ORDERS TO COMMANDERS.

German submarine commanders have been ordered to conduct their warfare against merchantmen "in accordance with the general principles of visit and search recognized by international law." And these orders, according to the note, are in effect now.

The fact that Germany threatens to withdraw them unless the United States obtains concessions from Great Britain relative to the blockade is not regarded as necessarily vitiating Germany's concession to the American demand.

## NOTE PLEASES THE GERMANS

Gratification Felt in Berlin  
Over Way Kaiser Hand-  
led Situation.

### DECIDED TENSION STILL IN ATMOSPHERE, HOWEVER

(By The Sun News Service.)

Berlin, via Amsterdam, May 5.—The publication of Germany's reply to President Wilson's demands with reference to submarine warfare was received here with general gratification.

The consensus of opinion in Germany today was that the German note, unqualifiedly yielding as it does to the American demand to conform to the U-boats campaign to the interests of neutrals, makes it impossible for the United States to realize its threat to sever diplomatic relations. Incidentally, it is agreed here that the note removes all doubts that a diplomatic break would mean, as far as Germany is concerned, a war between the two countries, and that the German government, by making its concessions, has signified its urgent desire to prevent such a catastrophe, even at the cost of restricting the submarine warfare to an extent which naval critics point out can scarcely be fully appreciated anywhere except in Germany.

Press comment today was only meager and extremely conservative, principally, it is believed, because of the government's wish to give the United States time to state its position toward the German note.

While no one here seriously expects a break, there is still a decided tension in the atmosphere pending accurate, and possibly official, news from Washington as to how the note is accepted there. The general view is that if President Wilson should after all be intent upon a rupture, it will come Sunday, which is the anniversary of the Lusitania disaster.

Other Cabinet officers reflected the view that the tension had relaxed. Secretary Burslem would not discuss the matter specifically, but said he was going on a fishing trip as soon as he could get away from the White House. He left the questioners to draw their own conclusions. One high official made the positive statement that the administration would accept the German promises and let the developments of the future decide the course of this government.

### Many Loopholes of Escape.

There is, however, much doubt on certain points covered in the note which are not altogether clear. The note evidently is so worded as to leave many diplomatic loopholes of escape to fit possible subsequent necessities of the Imperial government. It is so framed that it almost necessarily demands further elucidation on various shades of meaning. It is doubtful if anyone here understands precisely what the Imperial government's attitude is on several of the vital questions mentioned. For this reason alone the President will not feel at liberty to pass judgment on it until he has closely studied the official text, which arrived here last night.

### Official Statement Further Declares Former U. S. Diplomat Is Not Likely to Be Arrested.

(By The International News Service.)

London, May 5.—It is officially stated that James M. Sullivan, former American Minister to the Dominican Republic, is not in custody in connection with the Irish uprising, and not likely to be. It is also officially stated that St. John Gaffney, former American Consul General at Munich, did not land in Ireland.

### Shock of Son's Death Kills Mother.

New York, May 5.—Mrs. Annie E. Stagg, mother of Clinton H. Stagg, the scenario writer, who was killed in an automobile accident near Los Angeles, Cal., last Wednesday night, was found dead in bed in her home in East Orange, N. J., today. Relatives ascribed her death to shock over the news of the California tragedy.

### Kaiser's Son to Help Turks.

Rome, May 5.—The Sun News Service is informed through diplomatic circles that one of the Kaiser's sons will shortly be sent to Constantinople to be attached to the Turkish army.